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34. (new) The primer of claim 38 which has the sequence substantially as shown as VHMUT1:

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Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1 to 32 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 33 and 34 have bee added. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification. Specifically, claim 33, for example, finds support in the description at page 54, lines 25-28 and claim 34 finds support at page 55, line 7. No new matter has been added.

Claims 33 to 34 are pending.

Return of an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 Form filed November 28, 2000 is requested, pursuant to MPEP § 609.

Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy of the priority documents filed in the parent application, in the Examiner's next Communication, is requested.

The applicants note that a Sequence Listing should not be required in the present case, which claims benefit of a U.S. application filed prior to the requirement for Sequence Listings.

The applicants elect the subject matter of Group III, for further prosecution in the above.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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